

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 8, 2005. Applicant has amended claims 39, 42, 52, 55, 56, 65, 67, 73, and 76, and cancelled claims 41, 57, 66, 74 and 75. Claims 39, 40, 42-56, 58-65, 67-73, 76 and 77 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

Claim Objection

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 47 and 48 as referring to a second set of criteria without referring to a first set of criteria. Applicants has amended claim 39 to require a first set of criteria.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 70 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to provide antecedent basis for "said step (e)." Applicant has amended claim independent claim 65 to include step (e).

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 77 is allowable in its present form, and objected to claims 41-43, 52, 56-59, 63, 66-69, and 75 as including subject matter that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In this amendment, Applicant has amended claim 39 to include subject matter from allowable claim 41 and any intervening claims. Consequently, claim 39 and all claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 52 in independent form including all subject matter from base claim 39 and any intervening claims. Consequently, claim 52 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 55 to include subject matter from allowable claim 57. Consequently, claim 55 and all claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 56 in independent form including all subject matter from base claim 55. Consequently, claim 56 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended independent claim 65 to include subject matter from allowable claim 66. Consequently, claim 65 and all claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended independent claim 73 to include subject matter from allowable dependent claim 75 and intervening claim 74. Consequently, claim 73 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended independent claim 76 to include subject matter from allowable claim 57. Consequently, claim 76 and all claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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